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For: **SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING AND
SELECTING AUDIO AND VIDEO
INFORMATION AND METHOD
IMPLEMENTED BY SAID SYSTEM**

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11-12, 14-18, and 20-21 as follows:

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11. (Amended) A system for distributing and selecting audio and video
information on a coaxial cable network including a plurality of channels, the
system comprising: